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SUBJ: SECRETARY BUTZ' VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA

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1. AS INDICATED REFTEL, SECRETARY BUTZ WILL BE VISITING CARACAS AND BRAZIL DURING THE PERIOD JUNE 18-24. PLANS ARE FOR SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY TO TRAVEL BY MAC AIRCRAFT. FOLLOWING ARE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES WHICH HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT WITH AIR FORCE FOR SECRETARY AND
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PARTY. ALL TIMES QUOTED ARE LOCAL.

JUNE 17, DEPART ANDREWS 0900
JUNE 17 ARRIVE ORLANDO 1100

JUNE 17, DEPART ORLANDO 1530
JUNE 17, ARRIVE CARACAS 1930
JUNE 18-19, ON GROUND
JUNE 20, DEPART CARACAS 0800
JUNE 20, ARRIVE BRASILIA 1340
JUNE 21, DEPART BRASILIA 1700
JUNE 21, ARRIVE RIO DE JANEIRO 1830
JUNE 22-23, ON GROUND
JUNE 23, DEPART RIO DE JANEIRO 1800
JUNE 23, ARRIVE SAO PAULO 1830 (VIA CAMPOS AIRPORT TO CITY)
JUNE 24, ON GROUND
JUNE 25, DEPART SAO PAULO 0930 (CITY TO VIA CAMPOS AIRPORT)
JUNE 25, ARRIVE CARACAS 1420
JUNE 25, DEPART CARACAS 1550
JUNE 25, ARRIVE ANDREWS 2020

2. MAIN PURPOSE OF VISIT TO CARACAS IS TO LEAD AND PARTICIPATE IN
AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, SECRETARY WOULD LIKE TO MEET

WITH KEY GOV OFFICIALS WHILE HE IS THERE. WE UNDERSTAND AGRICULTURAL
ATTACHE AND EMBASSY PREPARING
DETAILED SCHEDULE FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT AND REQUEST THAT
THESE BE FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON ASAP AND CONFIRM HOST
GOVERNMENT APPROVAL OF VISIT.

3. WHILE IN BRAZIL, THE SECRETARY IS INTERESTED IN DIS-
CUSSING WITH TOP GOB OFFICIALS AGRICULTURAL POLICY MATTERS
WHICH ARE OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO BOTH COUNTRIES, E.G.,
DISCUSSION OF AGRICULTURAL ISSUES IN THE MTN AND FOLLOW-
UP TO THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, INCLUDING FOOD RESERVES.
HIS BROAD OBJECTIVE WILL BE TO GAIN AN UNDERSTANDING OF
THE GENERAL DIRECTION BRAZILIAN AGRICULTURAL POLICIES MAY
TAKE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS. HE WILL HAVE SPECIFIC INTER-
EST IN DISCUSSING ISSUES RELATING TO POLICIES FOR GRAINS,
OIL-SEEDS AND OILSEED PRODUCTS, AND LIVESTOCK AND LIVE-
STOCK PRODUCTS. SHOULD THERE BE BRAZILIAN INTEREST IN
DISCUSSING SUGAR, HE WOULD AGREE TO A MEETING WITH AP-
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PROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE SUGAR AND ALCOHOL INSTITUTE
IN RIO. SECRETARY BUTZ WILL ALSO WANT AN APPOINTMENT
WITH WHEAT BOARD OFFICIALS; THE MISSION MAY SUGGEST
FURTHER MEETINGS. HE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO ADDRESS
THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OR OTHER APPROPRIATE
GROUP IN SAO PAULO AND/OR RIO IF THE MISSION SO RECOM-
MENDS.

4. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE SUGGESTION OF THE
OFFICE OF THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE AND EMBASSY BRASILIA,
IN COORDINATION WITH THE CONSULATES IN SAO PAULO AND
RIO, OF A DETAILED ITINERARY FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT WITHIN

FRAMEWORK OF SCHEDULE AND SUBJECT MATTER OUTLINED ABOVE.

5. PARTY TO CARACAS MEETING IS EXPECTED TO INCLUDE
SEVERAL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. THESE ARE NOT NOW EXPECTED
TO CONTINUE TO BRAZIL WHERE PARTY MIGHT NUMBER 10-15.
REQUEST FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS WILL FOLLOW. MRS. BUTZ
WILL ACCOMPANY; EMBASSY SUGGESTION FOR SEPARATE PROGRAM
WOULD BE WELCOME. GUIDANCE ON SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WILL
FOLLOW BY SEPTEL. USDA EXPECTS TO RELEASE PRESS ANNOUNCE-
MENT PRIOR TO THE TRIP; POST SUGGESTIONS FOR COORDINATION
OF TIMING AND CONTENT WILL BE WELCOME.
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